

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

FEB 10 1926

1. NAME COVERT, Vernon E. DATE _____
 SERIAL No. 1200340
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RANK Pvt. 1cl ORGANIZATION Co. D, 106th M. G. Bn.
& DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Vaux/s/Somme, 27 div. Somme 443
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

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 AUSTRAL MIL. CTY. AMERICAN PLOT. ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 10 Row A. Amiens Somme
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Map Ref. 12 SE East 119.3. North 354.65.
 Form 16, 5/26/19.

CONCENTRATED TO 5/26/19. 21 B " 2
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

British Mil. Cty. Vaux/s/Somme (Somme) Map. 12 SE. East 128.6
North 359.6. 443
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

Form 16, 5/26/19. shows ident. tag found buried with body. No other means of identification.

Form 16-A, Oct. 26, 1920. signed S.D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. shows ident. tag found buried with body. inscription on grave marker read "130034." On tag "1200340."
 Body found under the grave marker of George R. Hunsaker, 2057600, Sgt. Co. A. 132nd. Inf. Grave 21, Row B-Plot-2. Cem. 443, Vaux-sur-Somme. One grave to left of proper marker.
(Case ok authenticity Inv.)

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Oct. 26, 1920. 6 K B. 1 443
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

Form 16-A, Oct. 26, 1920. DATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none found
 SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. BUCKLEY, Capt. QMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 20, 1922 10 14 Block C.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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Major General
 The Adjutant General.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



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| DIVISION | 27 | 2 | 27 |
| ORGANIZATION | 106 | 3 | 106 |
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| RESIDENCE | COUNTY Albany | 2 | 01 |
| 319-16 St | CITY Watervliet | 3 | 161 |
| RELATION | Mother | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER | | 1 | |
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| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | yes | 1 | 1 |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
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| | YR. | 1 | |
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Covert, Vernon E. (Som)

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

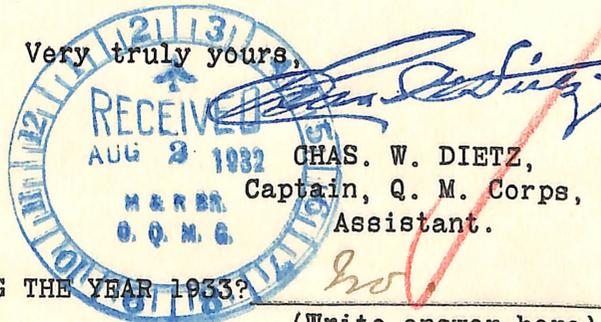
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Ans. Yes.
Ans. Le. Covert

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Covert, Vernon E. (Som) M

Oct. 19, 1931

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, N. Y.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Covert, Vernon E. (Som) M

October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932? | <i>to do</i> |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English? | |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | |

Vernon E. Covert
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Covert, Vernon E. Pvt. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Covert, Vernon E. 636-M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.
Watervliet, NY.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. T. Hughes
A. T. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

no ✓
(Write answer here)

Vernon E. Covert
(Sign here)

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Covert, Vernon E

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I decline by wire the invitation extended
(Accept or decline) ^{3-26-30 on receipt} ^{of letter}

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Mrs. Fred W. Covert

(Name)

319 - 16th St., Waterliet, N. Y.

(Town or City)

(State)

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MRS FRED W COVERT

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Washington, D. C., March 26, 1930.

MRS. FRED W. COVERT,
319 16TH STREET,
WATERVILLE, NEW YORK.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY THIRTEENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 63 GSM

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QM 293 A-C Covert, Vernona E.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Covert, Vernon E. 636-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Republic" on May 17, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 1, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Covert, Vernon E 636 -M

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319- 16th Street,
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible? | (Yes) | (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930? | (Yes) | (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (No) |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health. | Age 65 (Years) | Health (Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak? | English - (Yes) | (No) Other language (Specify language spoken) |

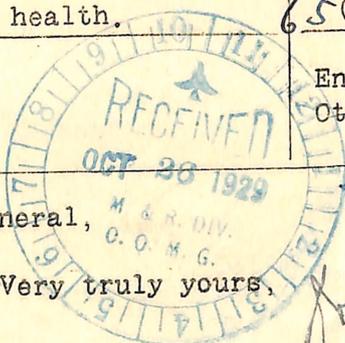
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.
Act
Envelope

Declined and 5-13-30
1931



319-16th St., Watervliet, N.Y.

May 20, 1929.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Refer QM 293 A-C
Covert, Vernon E.

Attention Mr. John T. Harris,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Gentlemen;

This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 16th inst. inclosing copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929 entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries."

Vernon E. Covert is not survived by a widow --- he was an only son, I am his Mother and a widow, but I am not sure that I would care to make the pilgrimage.

However, I hope that this gives you the information you desire.

Yours very truly,

MRS. FRED W. COVERT



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~ A-C
Covert, Vernon E.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319-16th St.,
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, first-class, Vernon E. Covert, Co. D, 106th Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Covert, Vernon E. (Som)

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Covert, Vernon E. (Som) M

Oct. 19, 1931

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, N. Y.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Covert, Vernon E. (Som) M

October 2, 1931.

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Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932? | |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English? | |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | |

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Covert, Vernon E. Pvt. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

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MEMORANDUM

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Covert, Vernon B. 636-M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.
Watervliet, NY.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Priority
Washington, D. C., March 26, 1930.

MRS. FRED W. COVERT,
319 16TH STREET,
WATERVLIET, NEW YORK.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY THIRTEENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 62 GSM

DeWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C Covert, Vernone E.

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Priority
Washington, D. C., March 26, 1930.

MRS. FRED W. COVERT,
319 16TH STREET,
WATERVLIET, NEW YORK.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY THIRTEENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 62 03M

DeWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C Covert, Vernons E.



Priority

Washington, D. C., March 26, 1930.

MRS. FRED W. COVERT,
319 16TH STREET,
WATERVLIET, NEW YORK.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY THIRTEENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 62 OSM

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C Covert, Vernone E.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Covert, Vernon E. 636 M

March 21, 1930.

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Covert, Vernon E. 636-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319 16th St.,
Watervliet, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Republic" on May 17, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 1, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

U.S.M.G. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Covert, Vernon E 636 -M

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
519- 16th Street,
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

| | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible? | (Yes) | (No) |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930? | (Yes) | (No) |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes) | (No) |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health. | Age (Years) | Health (Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak? | English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken) | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Covert, Vernon E.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Fred W. Covert,
319-16th St.,
Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, first-class, Vernon E. Covert, Co. D, 106th Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

March 1, 1927.

COVERT, Vernon E. Pvt. 1/c

Mrs. Fred. W. Covert,
319-16th Street,
Watervliet, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.
Record card.

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col. Q.M.G.
Assistant.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 2/10/26

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Covert
- b. Christian name Vernon
- c. Serial number 1300340
- d. Organization D 106 M G Bn
- e. Rank _____
- f. Emergency Address _____
- g. Date of death _____
- h. Authority _____
- i. Cause of death _____
- j. Place of death _____
- k. Place of burial _____
- l. Date of discharge _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment July 25, 1917
- b. Age at enlistment 27 1/2 yrs
- c. Color of hair Black
- d. Height 5 ft 7 1/2 in
- e. Weight* 130 lbs
- f. Fractures or breaks none

DENTAL CHARTS

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| At Camp | <u>none missing</u> | By Local Board | <u>not used</u> |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Upper right | Upper left | Upper right | Upper left |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Lower right | Lower left | Lower right | Lower left |

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By CR

For The Quartermaster General:

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A.G.O.
FEB 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

CR FEB 15 1926

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Form 100-1

Date _____

SUBJECT: Information received for General Division.

The Adjutant General of the Army, War Division, Washington, D.C.

It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

1. Name _____

2. Christian name _____

3. Social number _____

4. Organization _____

5. Rank _____

6. Emergency address _____

7. Date of discharge _____



8. Color of hair _____

9. Type of enlistment _____

10. Type of enlistment _____

11. Height _____

12. Weight _____

13. Freckles or blemishes _____

PHYSICAL CHARTS

14. Head profile _____

15. Upper right _____

16. Lower right _____

17. Upper left _____

18. Lower left _____

For the Quartermaster General:

1/20/26

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of;

Name: Covert, Vernon

Number: 130034

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co. D. 106th M.G. Battalion

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Hq. Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) May 26/19 From: (Give complete location)

Austral Military Cemetery American Plot Row A. Grave 10

Map Ref 12SE E119.3 N354.65

Reburied (Date) May 26/19 in: (Give complete location)

443

British Military Cemetery (Vaux-sur-Somme) Grave ²¹ Row B. Plot 2.

Map Ref. 129th E128.6 N359.6

Da 3/27/22

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Body wrapped in burlap decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

14197
CC. FIRMED No. D

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: *C. Rooker*
Sgt. Sr. Gr.

C.O. Group Hq. Unit 302

Date May 28/19

REPORT OF DISTINCTION AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Govett, Vernon

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co. D. 108th M.G. Battalion

Number: 180074

Distinction and Reburial made by Group

Hq.

Unit: 302

Dated (Date) May 28/19

From: (Give complete location)

American Plot Row A. Grave 10

Austral Military Cemetery

Map Ref 1224 N19.3 N254.65

Reburied (Date)

May 28/19

in: (Give complete location)

British Military Cemetery (Vaux-sur-Benue) Grave in Row B. Plot 2.

Map Ref. 1224 N19.3 N254.6

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon distinction:

Body wrapped in turpentine-soaked.

Was the identification tag found upon the body?

Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None



Note:

If upon distinction, effects are found upon bodies, they should be sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 17. After being carefully examined for clues to identity in accordance with G.O. 17, the effects should be reported to Chief, Graves Registration, whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration.

Supervised by: Lt. Br. Gr.

C.O. Group Hq. 102

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 107000

8254
Expatriated
Concentration
Somme # 636
att 4/14/22

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COVERT, Vernon E. Ser. No. 1200340
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Co. D, 106th M.G. Bn.
(c) Date of death 11-1-18 (d) Cause of death Murdered

TYP. EN
CKR. J. B. C.

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 22 Row B Plot 2 Sect. - TYP. DE

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Fred W. Covert, (Mother) 319-16th St., Watervliet, N.Y.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases Card does not state. CKR. LS

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt No card in file A.E.S. 8-11-20
(b) Relationship

(a) Name

(c) Address

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____ 1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

_____, dated _____, confirmed request in Par. IV. item _____, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials DM Date 8-11 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HWT

Examiner's Initials HWT Date 8-12 1920

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
(letter on 8/19, 1920

Part #2 not to be returned (P.G.R.)

IX. CORRECTIONS

IX.

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

9-15-20 - Form 120. Mother, Mrs. Fred Covert, 319-16th St., Waterbury, N.Y. nearest of kin, requests body remain in France. 9-30-20-#

10-1-20. S.L.

Investigation made by this office and grave location shown on our records is correct.

ms 44 7/27/20

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 3, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COVERT, Vernon E. 10. Name _____
1200340 Disc on body shows:
2. No. 130034 11. No. 1200340
3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
4. Org. Co. D, 106th M. G. Bn. 13. Org. _____
5. D.D. -- 11/1/1918 14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. -- murdered (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 6 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot 1 Row B 16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____ 17. no discrepancy.

18. Cemetery Amer. Mil. 19. Commune or town Vaux/s/Somme
20. Dept. or County Somme 21. Country France
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 443
23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 3, 1921 By A.L. Roth

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Vernon Covert Serial No. _____
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 106th M. G. Bn.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

H.H. Luce
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Body previously worked by Field Section. Bottle record and 3 metal strips agree with form 114-A. Disc on body shows: "V.E. Covert, 1200340, Pvt."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Pine box. Wrapped in blanket.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? _____

30. Body Prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 3, 1921 By A.L. Roth

31. Casket sealed by A.L. Roth

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A.L. Roth
3/14/21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13582

32. Designation of body:

Name COVERT, Vernon Serial No. 130034

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 106th M. G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme Amer. Cty. Bony, Aisne 636

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 3, 1921 By A.L. Roth

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. JMC GS

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 3, 1921

To point of Concentration Amiens, Somme

Convoyer E. C. Helms Signature Shipping Officer J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. JMC (Name) J. J. Powers

Nov. 3, 1921

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. JMC (Name) H. W. Beyette

21 NOV 1921

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer Chas. Hornback Signature Shipping Officer H. W. Beyette, Capt. JMC (Name) H. W. Beyette

40. Received: Date 26 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry

41. Reinterred Oct. 20, 1922

42. Grave No. 11 (Date) Section

43. Plot Block C Row 14

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry
D. E. LOWRY, 1st. Lt. JMC..

Place Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 3, 1921

1. REMAINS OF COVERT, Vernon E.

SERIAL NUMBER 1200340
~~130034~~

RANK Pvt. *iel* ORGANIZATION Co.D. 106th. M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 3, 1921. Gr. 6, Pl. 1. Row B. Amer. Mil. Cem. 443, Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)

By: Group 2 Unit F.S. 8

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 20, 1922 In (give complete location):
Gr. 11, Row 14, Block C, Somme Am. Cty., 636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit _____ Nature of reburial Reg. casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Pine box. Body wrapped in blanket. Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Body previously worked by Field Section. Bottle record and 3 metal strips agree with form 114-A. Tag on body reads: "V. E. Covert, (Ser. No.) 1200340"

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to determine.

2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31, 32 - SF.
4 - NB. 19, 20, 21 - GF. also 5
6 to 10 inc & 24 - MAD.
12 - cav. 28 - porc. fil. 29 - GC

(b) Weight (estimated) imp. to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location _____

Quantity _____

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

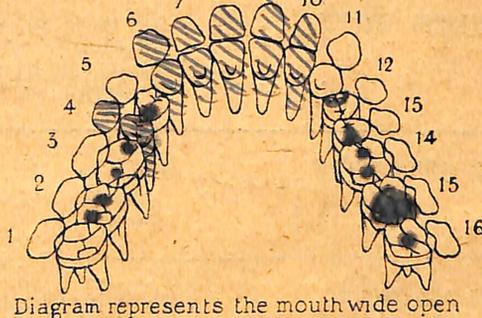
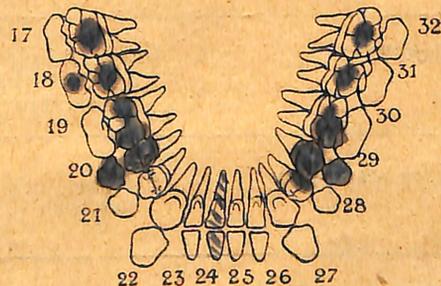


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible

7. Disinterment
supervised by *A. L. Roth*
A. L. Roth, S.E.

Approved: *J. J. Powers*
J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. GIC
Inspector.
(Title)

8. Reburial
Supervised by *Ben A. Bradford*
Ben. A. BRADFORD
Sup. emb.

Approved: *D. E. Lowry*
D. E. Lowry
1st. Lt. GIC
(Title)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

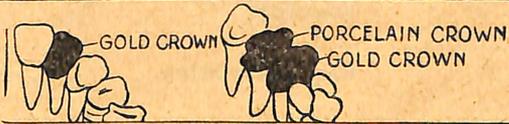
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information, as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

| | | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| MISSING TEETH | All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus : |  <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p> |
| CROWNED TEETH | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus : |  <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p> |
| BRIDGE WORK | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus : |  <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p> |
| FILLINGS | Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus : |  <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p> |
| CARIES (CAVITIES) | Outline the location and size of cavity, shade in thus : |  <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p> |
| DENTURES (PLATES) | Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp" | |

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

Place Vaux-sur-Somme

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 26, 1920

1. REMAINS OF Vernon Covert SERIAL NUMBER 1200340

RANK Pvt. 1st ORGANIZATION Co. D 106th M/G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): 10/26/20 From (give complete location): Found under the grave marker of George R/ Hunsaker 2057600, Sgt. Co. A 132nd Inf. Gr. 21 - Row B - Plot 2 - Cem. 443 Vaux-sur-Somme. One grave to left of proper marker.

By: Group Five Unit Sec. one

3. Reburied (date): 10/26/20 In (give complete location): Vaux-sur-Somme
Grave 6 - Row B - Plot 1 - Cem. 443

By: Group Five Unit Sec. one Nature of reburial In blanket-in pine box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
In uniform - in burlap - in pine box - badly decomposed

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Inscription on grave marker read "130034" on tag "1200340"

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color No hair on skull

Quantity -----

Characteristics -----

(d) Hair on face—Color No hair on face

Location -----

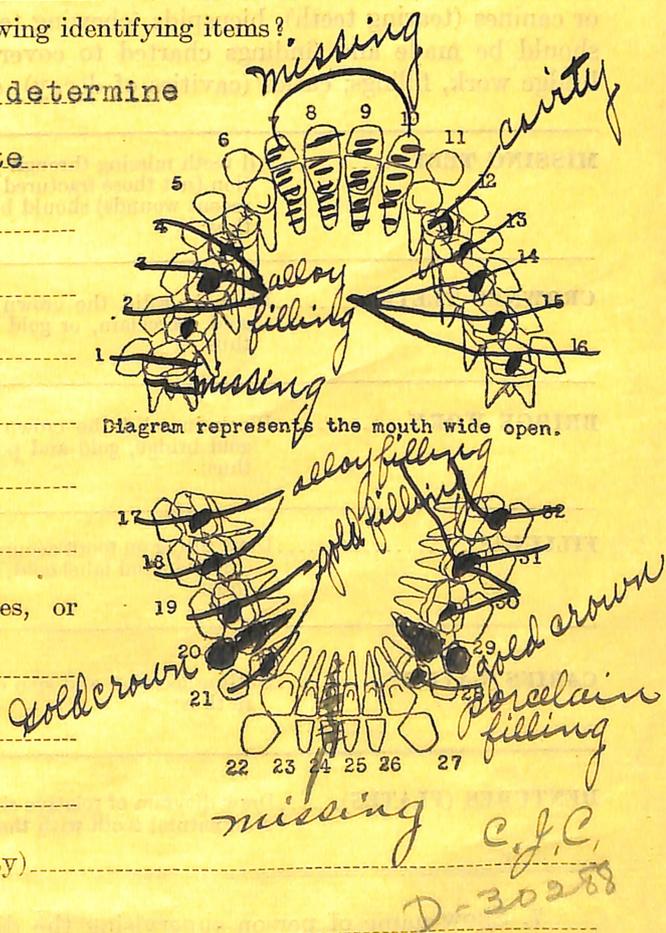
Quantity -----

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) -----

Impossible to report

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) -----

Impossible to report



7. Disinterment supervised by Clarence W. Dodge, Capt. M.C.

Approved: S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. (Title) Master of Sec. #1.

8. Reburial supervised by Clarence W. Dodge, Capt. M.C.

Approved: S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. (Title) Master of Sec. #1.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| MISSING TEETH | All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus: |  |
| CROWNED TEETH | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus: |  |
| BRIDGE WORK | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus: |  |
| FILLINGS | Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus: |  |
| CARIES (CAVITIES) | Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus: |  |
| DENTURES (PLATES) | Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp." | |

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



AUG 27 1920

Shipping Inquiry. WAR DEPARTMENT
(Revised) OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Fred W. Covert, 319- 16th St., Watervliet, N.Y.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. l/c Vernon E. Covert, Co. D. 106th M.G. Bn. Ser. #1200340

Rush Answer



The records of this office show that you have expressed no desire as to disposition of remains

Remains in Europe

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:
CHARLES C. PIERCE,

Major, U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

| NAME OF | NO. & STREET | TOWN | STATE |
|--------------------|----------------------|------|-------|
| Soldier's Widow | X | | |
| Soldier's Children | 1. X 2. X 3. X | | |
| Father | X | | |
| Mother | Yes | | |
| Brothers | 1. X 2. X 3. X | | |
| Sisters | 1. X 2. X 3. X | | |

Date: 9/15/20 Signature: (Mrs. Fred) Amy L. Covert

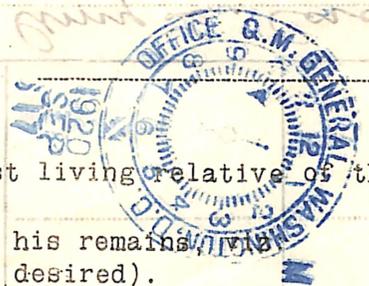
Address: Watervliet, N.Y. Relationship: Mother

IMPORTANT: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

HJM

Noted on 7-15-20-20-10-1-20-20

Date: 10/11/19
(Name of soldier) _____ 1920.



I, the undersigned, am the Moses and nearest living relative of the within
(Relationship)
named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains.
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to _____~~
(Name)
(R.R. Station) (State)

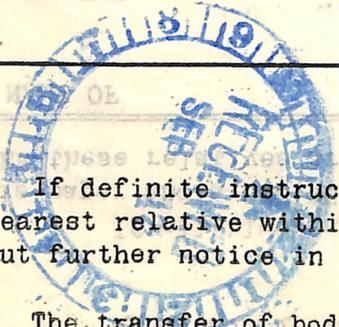
3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.~~

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Angela Carol

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



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FILE UNDER NO. 82541, Covert, Vernon E.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

FILE

See Board of Review, Cty. 443, File #300.4, "Report of burial conditions and irregularities, Cty. #443, Vaux-sur-Somme, Somme" dated 4/29/21.

~~Also see letter from this office to Europe showing our records had been adjusted.~~

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

ECC

file
sent 4/22/21

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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Q. M. C. Form 489
Revised July 26, 1918

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

S-3448/MB

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Feb. 11, 1922

File No. 82541 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname Covert ✓
- b. Christian name Vernon E. ✓
- c. Serial Number 1200340 ✓
- d. Organization Co. D, 106 M.G. Bn ✓
- e. Rank Pvt 1/c ✓
- f. Date of death 11/1/1918 *Nov 1/18*
- g. Cause of death Murdered ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) 616 SP 4. AG201
569 SP 96
- i. Emergency address Mrs. Fred W. Covert
319 16th St., Watervliet, N.Y. ✓
- j. Relationship Mother ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment 27 yrs 10 mos ✓
- b. Color of eyes Blue ✓
- c. Color of hair Black ✓
- d. Height 5 ft 7 1/2 in ✓
- e. Weight 130 lbs. ✓
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
scar over right eye.

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left *none*
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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R-B, P-2

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

CEMETERY NO:

BY:

Charles J. Wynne
Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, C.M.C., U.S.A.

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

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search report
2/13/22
DA*

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REC'D MAIL SECT

P.C. Harris
The Adjutant

Archives Branch, A. G. O.
Per 718
FEB 14 1922

7/14-22

ADDRESS REPLY TO
Division
DIRECTOR OF STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

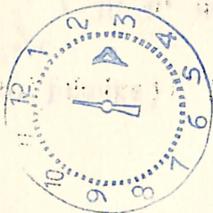
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FEB 15 1922

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
War Trade Building
Room 2421

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

G. R. S. Form S-W-A
Information requested of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT

SEP 22 1921 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File No. 82541

Date September 17, 1921

File No. 82541

Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname. COVERT ✓
- b. Christian name. Vernon E. ✓
- c. Serial number. 1200340 ✓
- d. Organization. Co.D. 106th M. G. Bn., ✓
- e. Rank. ~~Pvt.~~ or Pvt. 1 Cl ✓
- f. Date of death. 11-1-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death. Murdered ✓
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) 569 SP 86 all 201 ✓
- i. Emergency address. Mrs. Fred W. Covert ✓
319-16th St. Watervliet. N. Y.
- j. Relationship. Mother ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper-right Upper left.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right. Lower left.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieutenant, Q. M. C.

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
By
W. W. Div., A. G. O.
SEP 19 1921 3

Miss Knight - Adj. Sec.
DTD

Rec'd World War Division.

SEP 20 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File No. 100340
SEP 21 1921

Date September 17, 1921

File No. 82241 Registration

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometrical Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

a. Surname. COVERT

A. Date of death. 11-1-18

b. Christian name. Vernon E.

V. Cause of death. Murdered

c. Serial number. 1300340

A. Authority (C. G. No.) 222 SP 22

d. Organization. Co. D. 108th M. G. Bn.

i. Emergency address. Mrs. Fred W. Covert

e. Rank. Private 1st Cl.

ii. Address. 115 1/2 St. Waterville, N. Y.

Relationship. Mother

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment.

Age at death missing.

b. Color of eyes.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right Upper left

c. Color of hair.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

d. Height.

e. Weight.

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

H. L. ROGERS,

Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

H. J. Covert

M. J. CONNER,

Adjutant General, U. S. A.

SEP 20 1921
W. W. DIV., A. G. O.
BY

Miss Knight - Adj. Sec.

Head Wash

SEP 20 1921



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WAR DEPARTMENT, MCD-sel-1-103
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, May 26, 1920.

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 (Covert, Vernon E.) WW

File # 107000

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Pvt. 1st Cl. Vernon E. Covert, #1200340, ✓
Co. D, 106th M. G. Bn.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that this soldier was murdered November 1, 1918. ✓

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted July 25, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. F. W. Covert, Mother, 319-16th St., Watervliet, N.Y. ✓

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. C. Harris

The Adjutant General.
perL R



WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
MAY 28, 1920

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 501 (Govt. Vernon B.) W

File # 107000

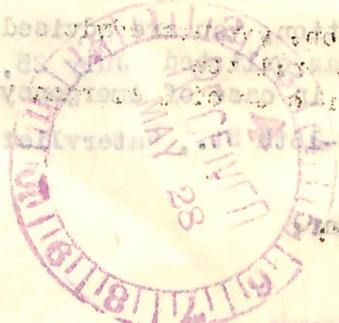
From: The Adjutant General of the Army

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Pvt. 1st Cl. Vernon B. Govett, #1800040,
Co. A, 108th M. I. Bn.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained that
the date of death of the above named private was
not in error and that this soldier was awarded November 1, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification it is stated
that the records show that the deceased was
and the name of the person to be notified is
Mrs. P. W. Govett, Mother, 315 1/2 St. Nicholas, N.Y.



The Adjutant General
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CTY. #2

G.R.S. Form No. 6. Central Records Liaison.

Memo. For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: **COVERT**
- () Number: - **1200340**
- () First Name: **Vernon E.**
- () Rank: **Pvt.**
- () Company: **D.**
- () Organization: **106th MG. Bn.**
- (✓) Date of Death:
- (✓) Cause:
- () ~~Place:~~

Location of hospital: **OVER**

Number " "

Class " "

(✓) Relative: *Mrs Fred W Covert*(✓) Relationship: *mother*(✓) Address: *319-16th St.*(✓) Authority: *Waterbury, ny*

Cablegram No.:

Telegram from: *569 DP 1070*

dated:

() Reported to Washington:

C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

() Remarks:

() Show present status on reverse side.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

New case

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Cty 400
Australian Military Cty Blangy-
Tronville (Somme)
Rept. by GRS. JUN 20 1919



Agency

Employer

Office

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Jan 24, 1919.

Central Records Office
Bourges

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Couvert 1200340 Co D 106th MG Bn.

C. B.

ROGERS.

C.C.HUTCHISON
2nd Lieut., QMC.
ACL/ WK
11:00 AM

Copy to;
T & C
G R S
Sgt Daly Original

[Handwritten signature]

JAN 24 1919

Newman

I have looked
this up every way.

Note on wire, he has
been reported buried
by us

RAK JK

Signal Corps, United States Army.
Telegram.

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CR BOURGES JAN 22 -23 1919

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE TOURS

CRO K 331 WIRE ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING PVT 1ST CLASS VERNON
E COUVERT 1200340 COMPANY D 106 M G BN REPORTED BURIED BY YOU STOP
STATE OF RECORDS SHOW CAUSE AND DATE OF DEATH

DAVIS

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TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

82541

From:-

Date:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Couvert Vernon E

NUMBER 1200340

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 106 M. G. Bn.

| No | Question | Reply |
|----|---|-------|
| 1 | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records? | |
| 2 | Date of Death | |
| 3 | Cause and place of death | |
| 4 | Number of Casualty Cablegram | |
| 5 | Date buried | |
| 6 | Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cometary or Commune only required | |
| 7 | Who reported burial | |
| 8 | Has report been confirmed by G.R.S. | |
| 9 | Report as to Identification Tags | |
| 11 | Who is nearest relative? | |
| 12 | Has N/R been notified? (Give date) | |
| 13 | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record) | |
| 14 | What is the Photograph No? | |

*Me bar
no burial
Info.*